

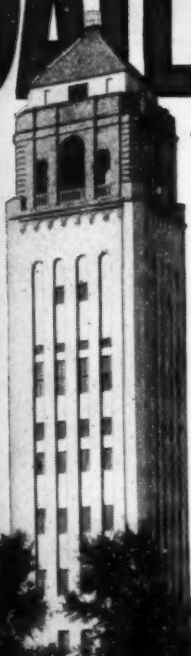
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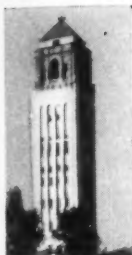
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PSALM

Elizabeth Barr Haas

Thy love for me is like sweet waters
Flowing through the wide meadows of that
serene land
Of blue quietness I keep within.

Thy love for me is like fragrant aloes
In calm old gardens full of sun,
Whose perfume is in my blood and bone,
In the warm, deep breath of my being.

It is like all April in my heart:
Fragile with loveliness and green with spring,
Bright with the patterns of leaves and wind.

Gentle as rain upon a thirsty land;
Joyous as singing birds when dawn comes over
the hill;
Gracious as nightfall and rest at day's ending:
Thy love for me, O God, Most High.

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"Command Ye Me"



WHETHER to be specific or not to be specific in our prayers is a question that is of concern to many Truth students. Both the definite and the indefinite method of prayer are strongly advocated by teachers of worth and authority, and each teacher has ways of substantiating his teaching. As a matter of fact, when two opposite views of Truth are upheld both are usually right in a degree at least, for Truth is exceedingly deep and broad. No particular angle of a teaching merits the claim that it exhausts all of Truth and that other views are wholly wrong.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven," writes the somber author of Ecclesiastes. He elaborates by saying that there is "a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing . . . a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak."

There could well have been a statement added to the effect that there is a time to be wisely and quietly acquiescent in the conditions that our very

obedience, willingness, and spirit of nonresistance bring us and also a time to talk to God quite frankly about what we want and to expect what we want to come into manifestation. It is to the subject of wise and specific praying that this article is dedicated.

Much has been said against specific prayers because of the need of avoiding the pursuit of selfish and unenlightened motives. But there is no reason why we cannot learn to pray unselfishly or let the light of Truth guide us in our asking.

Life does not come to us all mapped out in advance or with an inescapable destiny delineated for us, nor are we set apart from our Creator to be manipulated like marionettes. As malleable and unformed as fluid, life flows into us and through us, and the inner workings of our mind determine the pattern and style of the circumstances that make up our individual world. Inside us the shaping is continually taking place as we consciously or unconsciously, wisely or unwisely choose, reject, select or accept the things that are to or are not to become a part of our life. If we learn to do these things wisely, with full knowledge of the laws of God, we shall become adept at living, and life will be very good indeed.

Many times when we pray, "If it is the will of

God," an analysis of what we mean would reveal that we are still, unconsciously perhaps, making use of the old belief that outside of us is the power that determines our destiny. God is outside of us, of course, for He is omnipresent; but it is God in us that guides us and blesses us and cares for us, in proportion to the degree in which we permit Him to express Himself through us. We learn early in our study of Truth that the Spirit within us, our indwelling Lord, has no other business under the sun than to work for us, to decide for us, to give us individual guidance and care. So when we relegate to something outside ourselves the charge of caring for our needs and making our decisions, we are overlooking the very competent and dependable power within ourselves, the power that has been appointed by the infinite Father to serve us.

If we do not know enough of the law or of the Truth to decree a particular outworking of it, it is of course better to say, "If it is the will of the Father, may this come to pass" or "If this is for my highest good, it will come to me." There is no merit in rushing headlong into something that may not be conducive to our highest good. But we should start, on a very small scale if necessary, to make up our mind about what we want and what it is right to want, and to decree it. "Concerning

the work of my hands, command ye me," said Jehovah. But nothing gives us the power nor the courage nor the right to do this except a knowledge of the law. To be well grounded in love and justice, to be selfless and gentle and kind, to be full of the loving-kindness and wisdom of the Father, is the only guaranty of good rulership in our kingdom. When we possess and observe these we do not intrude upon the kingdom or rights of others. We do not ask a thing that will in any wise limit the God-given privilege of every soul to live his life according to his own inner Spirit and guidance. We do not ask others to pray with us for something that they have no way of knowing is right for us, though they can pray, with profit to us, for our guidance, illumination, increased understanding, and receptivity to our good.

Let us suppose that we want to sell a house. If the house has fulfilled its purpose in our life, if we do not need it any more, then there is no reason why it should not serve another. But the vast and infinite Spirit outside of us is not going to reason for us that the house is now too small since the children are bigger, or that it is too big since the children are grown and married. The Spirit within us that operates through our mind thinks such things out and is perfectly capable of making a

definite decision. We cannot insert an ad in the paper or put up a for-sale sign in the yard with a very great degree of faith if in a corner of our mind we entertain the feeling that perhaps it should remain in the family or that we really shall never be happy anywhere else or that God might not wish us to sell it.

If we want a suit or a hat or a car, it is up to us to consider with our God-given wisdom whether we really need and want these things enough to get behind our prayer and do our part in bringing them into manifestation. God is perfectly willing that we have all the cars and clothes and outer things we can use. He has created a world of plenty for us, but we are the ones who decide how much of it we shall appropriate, how much we shall ask for, how much we shall receive. To receive the fulfillment of our prayers we must have the wholehearted approval of our best and highest and wisest self, for only when we have this can we pray trustingly for a thing and act out our prayer by doing whatever is necessary to bring it to perfect fruition.

We are not being definite in our prayers when we ask for something with our lips that our heart does not agree to. Nor are we definitely inviting anything into our life when our heart or our emo-

tions are asking for something of which our good faculty of wisdom does not wholly approve. It is in fact quite impossible to be specific when we pray for something of which we do not wholly approve, and if we do not lend our whole self to the project in mind our chances of success are proportionately reduced. Prayer is an exercise that must involve the whole of us.

A woman told me recently that she had been praying for a vacation trip to Europe. She knew that God was willing; for He is lavish in His blessings. He has built a beautiful universe and its beauties are an eternal invitation to His children. But she decided as she thought about the matter that such a trip was out of proportion to her present consciousness of prosperity and out of order in view of her many obligations and responsibilities. She knew she was not limited to her present degree of faith or her present earning capacity, but in putting her goal too far beyond her present capacity she could not get the proper co-ordination of all the forces of her mind and body. So she is putting first things first, but she says that when it is timely for her to do so, she will work definitely toward her European trip and she will expect definite results.

Another woman says she wants a car, but be-

cause she does not really need one or relish the responsibility of a car's upkeep her goal does not seem really important to her. So her prayers concerning it are not very positive, and of course the results are uncertain.

If you have noted how children respond to authority or the lack of it, you have an illustration of the necessity of putting the right impetus back of anything you say and do. A mother or a teacher can say to children the very same words, but with different meanings behind them they get very different results. In one tone of voice she can request quietness and get no sign of obedience. She can make the very same request in another tone and the children will willingly and promptly obey.

I was visiting some friends one evening when their big dog was in the house. He lay stretched out on the floor dozing. Besides dozing, he would groan or snore. The woman said, "Von, you are going to have to go downstairs." Von made a start but lay back down. Pretty soon in about the same tone of voice she told him again to go downstairs. He rolled his eyes and looked at her but snuggled closer to the floor. "He hates to go," she said, "and he won't until he hears a certain tone." And when she spoke with her voice full of the authority that came from knowing it was right for

him to go, he very obediently left for his own quarters.

If a child or an animal, anything outside of us, is so sensitive to authority or the lack of it in us, certainly the forces of our own being cannot be fooled. They know and co-operate when we know with all that is within us what we want. They know and do not co-operate when we express doubt and indecision as to what our course should be. It is we who determine whether we do or do not get results when invoking the power of divine law.

A thought that often occurs in regard to specific prayers is that we might limit our good to something less than God would give us. That is probable too unless we keep an open, flexible mind. Whatever our objective is, we should keep our mind open to better and bigger ideas. If there were statistics to show how many people there are whose lives follow the pattern that they set out to follow, the percentage would no doubt be very low. There are many ministers that started out to be lawyers and probably lawyers that intended to be ministers. There are Truth teachers whose original intent was to teach school, and there are automobile manufacturers whose first ambitions were to be mechanics. The important thing is to get started on what seems right at the present time,

for once we get into action we get ideas and leadings that might never have come if we had been reluctant about taking any step at all. We may make mistakes of course, but it is better to make mistakes and learn by them than to refrain from definite action and coincidentally from progress. We develop our God-given qualities by using them. Lack of judgment will be overcome as the judgment we have is exercised. An insufficiency of anything will be replaced by good use of what we have, first in small matters and then in larger ones.

God wants us to be partners with Him, not marionettes; He wants us to be cocreators, not puppets. We can fulfill His purpose in us by becoming channels through which He can operate. His Spirit lies deep and rich and full in the midst of us and is without expression other than that which we give it. Our hands are His hands, our voice His voice, our feet His feet, our mind His mind. We are the only channel through which His perfect idea of man can be glorified. "Concerning the work of my hands, command ye me" can be adapted as a message to every member and part of our body. It is the invitation of our indwelling God to make use of His powers and capacities within us. We shall glorify Him if we do and in so doing we shall be glorified.

Yielding to Truth



ONCE IN a while we encounter a student of Truth who has studied it for many years and still does not yield to it. He can explain it perfectly and, if called upon to do so, would almost fight for it. He can teach and help other students, he can help them heal their diseases, and inspire them to success. Personally he seems to hold himself immune to the salvation of Truth. He does not yield to its teachings.

Recently a man told us that he had studied Truth for years but had just discovered that he was the man who is perfect in Spirit. Suddenly the truth dawned upon him that he was the man who is the son of God, the child of perfection. The truth of his perfection dawned upon him, and he realized that he no longer could even think thoughts in opposition to the truth. When this almost overwhelming truth dawned in his consciousness, he realized that he could no longer think of others in terms of adversity and limitation. He saw that at no time could he condescend to think thoughts that the child of God could not think. He yielded to Truth.

When you yield yourself entirely to Truth you will not allow yourself to think thoughts of lim-

itation about yourself or others. You will know that you are the child of God about whom you study when you study Truth. You will accept the teachings of the Bible for your very self. You will know when you read a Unity statement about the child of God that you are he. All the statements of Truth apply to you. When you read that the child of God is God's child of light, peace, joy, love, health, and success, realize that you are that child. Your redemption depends upon your realizing this truth and holding to it. You must yield yourself entirely to Truth.

Keeping loyal to Truth will do two things for you. It will prevent adversity from coming to you. It will make you strong enough to withstand any adverse thought that you need to handle. If in the very depths of your being you realize the truth of your relation to God, nothing adverse can be attracted to you. If you have the positive assurance that you are the child of God, you cannot wake up some morning and find that overnight you have been transformed into a child of disease.

To yield entirely to Truth you must rise out of personal consciousness. You must not think of yourself as something apart from God. Of course you cannot think of disease as having presence and power if in your heart of hearts you know that

God as life has all presence and is all power.

You cannot stand apart from Truth if you would demonstrate it. You cannot allow yourself to think about disease and discuss it as "something" when you have reached the conviction in Truth that God is all in all. You cannot think of fear as a reality, speak of your own fear, think of another as fearful, when you realize that you are the child of infinite strength and courage. You must yield every thought of fear when you give yourself unreservedly to Truth.

Sacrificing adverse thoughts should be an easy matter because the compensation is so great. We give up thinking thoughts of limitation and in return receive every conceivable blessing. We yield ourselves entirely to Truth and receive the rewards of Truth. We give up the little secret thoughts, the jealousies, the hurt feelings, and the thoughts that have hindered the work of the Spirit. We yield all these and toss them into the refining fire of Spirit. We yield ourselves to Truth in its entirety and let the perfect work of God be done in and through us.

The person who gives himself entirely to Spirit receives peace and love and health in their entirety. He yields his adverse thought only to exchange it for Truth.—*Frank B. Whitney.*

Monday

APRIL 1

I GREET THIS DAY WITH JOY AND EXPECT-
ANCY. ONLY GOOD CAN COME TO ME AS I
PLAN AND PREPARE FOR A HAPPY, USEFUL
DAY.

IT IS A law of Spirit that we receive that which we expect. For this reason we should be careful to keep ever trustful, expecting good from every experience. The wise man envisions and anticipates much. We are wise when we expect the best from ourselves, from our fellow men, and from life.

When he was in prison, in chains, Paul wrote to the Philippians, "I know that this shall turn out to my salvation . . . according to my earnest expectation and hope." No matter how limited our present condition may seem to be, we too may expect it to turn out to be our salvation, even our greatest blessing, as we trust in God, good.

Expect love, peace, joy, and plenty to come to you today and every day this month. Your positive attitude of joyous expectation will build for you a consciousness that expects and experiences only the good.

✿ *For my expectation is from him.*—PSALMS 62:5.

APRIL 2

Tuesday

I AM, CHRIST IN ME, IS PERFECTION AND MY MIND AND MY BODY EXPRESS PERFECTION.

CHRIST, THE I AM of you, cannot be sick, for Christ is ever perfect. As you enter into His consciousness of perfection you will be lifted up and transformed into newness of life, light, and peace.

If you would change your old ways of thought and let Christ manifest Himself in your life, begin by speaking words that you know to be true of your being. Let go of the old thoughts and words that have brought about negation and practice the presence of Christ.

To you God gave perfection in the beginning, and by faithfully declaring perfection of mind and body you are thinking and speaking in accord with the I AM, the Christ in you. Whatever you decree in His name is made manifest to you. Therefore keep watch over your thoughts and words and let them serve as messengers of light that open the way for your mental and physical perfection to appear.

✿ *I am the first and the last, and the Living one . . . and behold, I am alive for evermore.*—REV. 1:17, 18.

Wednesday

APRIL 3

THIS DAY I BEHOLD THE CHRIST IN MYSELF
AND IN ALL PEOPLE.

As you think today of the Christ presence within yourself and all people, you will feel a stirring of a desire within yourself to express your highest ideals. The Christ is the spiritual man, and recognition of His presence helps to raise the consciousness so that more of His divine nature may be expressed.

If you seem to have problems to meet today in the home, in your business, or in your work, just get quiet for a moment and acknowledge the Christ presence. A new idea, an apt word, a feeling of security will be yours, and you will work out the problem according to the Christ standard.

This day you look beyond appearances and you see the Christ within everyone you meet. Your high vision helps those you contact to express increased health, prosperity, and happiness. As you think of the Christ in others, so do you also remember His presence within yourself, and you manifest His divine attributes.

✿ *If any man is in Christ, he is a new creature.—II COR. 5:17.*

Thursday

APRIL 4

I AM FORGIVING.

JESUS INSTRUCTED us to pray, "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." He thereby advocated both good will toward others and a principle for the furtherance of our well-being. To make the best use of present opportunities, we can afford to carry with us neither the burden imposed by holding others under condemnation nor regret for our own past mistakes. As we forgive others we cleanse our mind and heart of resentment and ill will so that God's love may bring us the forgiveness that we need.

God's love is constant and unwavering. It is always His will to fill our life with good and to express His perfection through us. Yet as long as we hold harsh or unforgiving thoughts, we cannot be an open channel for the receptivity of good. They who are unforgiving harm themselves rather than the object of their condemnation, for the hate generated operates only within themselves and leaves its effect solely upon them.

♣ *Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave you.*
—EPH. 4:32.

Friday

APRIL 5

I AM THANKFUL FOR THE REALIZATION THAT
EVIL HAS NO REALITY IN GOD.

THE APPEARANCE of evil in man and in his world might be compared to the mistake that the student makes on the blackboard. The wrong answer appears because the student has not adhered to the rules governing the problem. But the wrong answer has no meaning, does not affect the problem, the rules, or the right answer. It must be erased and the problem handled in a more intelligent manner.

Today man has the appearance of so-called evil in his life because of his former misunderstanding or misapplication of God's laws. He, like the student, must erase the appearance of evil by denying its reality and bring forth good out of every experience by increasing his understanding of God.

The basic principle that we must understand in order to deny evil effectively is that there is but one presence and one power in the universe: God, the good omnipotent. A firm conviction of this Truth is a sustaining, strengthening power no matter how real the appearance of evil may be.

● *I will fear no evil.*—PSALM 23:4.

APRIL 6

Saturday

GOD'S LOVE IS MANIFESTING ITSELF IN MY
LIFE AS PERFECT UNDERSTANDING AND JOY-
OUS COMPANIONSHIP.

THE HUNGER deep in the human heart for love and companionship is really the hunger for more of God to express itself in your life. It is only through understanding this need and recognizing it as a yearning, a reaching out for God, that it can be completely and righteously satisfied. It is never a mistake to love; it is only a mistake to limit our love to a few persons, a few objects.

If you would have more of God's love made manifest in your life, be more loving toward every living person, every living creature, even every situation and condition in the world. Instead of thinking, "I wish I were beloved," or "I wish I had more friends, more understanding companions," try to be more loving in a quiet, inoffensive, gentle way. Study to become a good friend, try to understand and forgive those about you and you will soon discover that your life is filled with love and that your friends are without number.

♣ *Love one another, even as I have loved you.*—JOHN
15:12.

MY LIFE IS FED BY THE WORD OF GOD.

OUR LIFE may seem to be dependent on the food we eat and the circumstances we encounter, but such things are only secondary to real existence. More than outer things we need the inner graces of the Spirit. We need courage, optimism, vision, faith, and guidance. Without these life is empty and drab. With them life takes on new meaning, and we gain the strength to meet every experience triumphantly.

More important than food is the spiritual energy maintaining life. More important than clothing, position, or income is God's conquering Spirit, enabling us to master every adversity.

How truly do we depend on "every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (every quality that truly comprises life). What would life be without love, without Truth, without peace, without understanding, inspiration, joy, and encouragement? All these are most necessary to a happy and successful life. As we meditate on them, we nourish our soul and enrich our life.

✱ *Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*—MATT. 4:4.

GOD CONTINUALLY INSPIRES ME.

INSPIRATION is a divine gift that gives to its possessors a knowledge of what they should do, how they should speak, and reveals thoughts that uplift and encourage. It is not peculiar to some people but is a gift common to all alike, a gift that can be developed.

"There is a spirit in man," sometimes called conscience, that tells us which of two courses is the better. As we pay heed to this feeling we are led in perfect paths. This feeling is sometimes spoken of as the "still small voice."

The Spirit within is intimately in touch with God, the source of all wisdom. Whereas that Spirit is in tune with all knowledge, men too often look to the outer for information, or seek in the chambers of imagination and memory for light that cannot there be found. Only as we learn to listen to the "still small voice" until we hear its messages above the clamor of the outer will we gain sure entrance to "the inspiration of the Almighty." The wisdom coming from God makes clear our way.

✿ *There is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.*—JOB. 32:8 (A. V.).

Tuesday

APRIL 9

TRUSTING WHOLLY IN GOD, I AM FREE FROM
ALL ANXIETY.

WHEN YOU become anxious and worried about some situation that confronts you and you feel that there is nothing you can do, then is the time for you to stand aside and give God a chance. He alone can help you. It is your opportunity to prove that in an extremity your indwelling Spirit is the only power in your life.

Anxiety and worry come from striving too much in a personal way and on the basis of outer appearances. If some trying situation is facing you, it is a challenge to you to be steadfast in the Truth you know, the Truth that the Spirit of God indwelling in you will show you the exact steps to take to realize your good. When you fill your mind with worry and anxiety there is no room for Spirit to inspire and guide you, for it is crowded out for lesser things. You must become quiet, trustful, receptive to this inner guidance. Keep your thoughts courageous and your mind filled with peace in the knowledge that God's help is all-powerful.

✿ *Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful.*—JOHN 14:27.

APRIL 10

Wednesday

THE SPIRIT OF HIM THAT RAISED UP JESUS
FROM THE DEAD ABIDES WITH ME.

THOUGH YOUR body may seem to be subject to the vicissitudes of weather, time, circumstance, and death, such subjection is needless. The Spirit of God dwells in you, the same Spirit that gave Jesus eternal life and supreme mastery over the grave. Through divine power Jesus controlled His body. The cross could not kill him, the tomb could not imprison Him. The Spirit of God made Him deathless and immortal. His body gave evidence of His control over it when He restored it to life.

With you too abides the Spirit of God. Your body need never dictate the terms of comfort or pain, well-being or suffering. God will do for you what He did for Jesus, make your body impervious to the claims of mortality. Before you lies the goal of immortality and absolute freedom from mortal limitations. Your body will be quickened into renewing vigor and vitality and will be freed from imperfection through God's Spirit within you.

✱ *He that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead shall give life also to your mortal bodies.—ROM. 8:11.*



My Soul Has Walked

Priscilla D.

My soul has walked with lovely things today:
Pine trees that rose in simple majesty!
Cool shadows curtained all the mossy way;
The path seemed one of sacred mystery.
White-crested waves upon the golden sand,
The flight of graceful sea gulls winging near,
The feel of pussy willows in my hand,
The song of whispering winds upon my ear.
The earth wash'd clean by spring's warm slanting rain,
All new and fresh as morning's rosy glow.
Reverberations of an old refrain,
Melodic notes that fell so sweet and low.



Walked with Holy Things

Priscilla Drennen

My soul has walked with precious things today:
Deep joy reflected in a loved one's eyes;
And faith that teaches better how to pray
Nor doubts the power that in Spirit lies.
A moment of uncertainty was changed
By God's assurance of His presence near:
His power and wisdom have my life arranged,
His love is over all that I hold dear,
His peace is now my own to have and share,
His friendly touch a sense of oneness brings:
I have the clear conviction of His care—
Ah, yes, my soul has walked with holy things.

Thursday

APRIL 11

I REJOICE IN THE TRUTH THAT SETS FREE.

TRUTH TELLS us that we live in a spiritual world of wonder and joy, of gladness and freedom. Truth looks past darkness and beholds light; Truth shows us that man is freeborn, unlimited, divine, one with God, and therefore the perfect image of goodness.

A deeper knowledge of Truth will satisfy every longing, and will so fill our consciousness with good that we can no longer have any association with that which is less. If we give our whole attention to gaining a deeper understanding of Truth we shall think and speak and act in terms of what we know ourselves to be. When Truth becomes to us a vital reality, the seeming tendencies that would bind us to false and imperfect standards fade away.

Only ignorance or misconception can hold us in bondage. The way out of bondage is to learn the power given us from on high that enables us to vault over every barrier and keep our vision steadfast on the good lying ahead of us.

✱ *If ye abide in my word . . . ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*—JOHN 8:31, 32.

APRIL 12

Friday

MY GOOD CANNOT BE WITHHELD FROM ME.
THROUGH GOD I AM ABUNDANTLY BLESSED.

WHEN YOU recognize that God is the ruling presence and power in your life, no individual or circumstance has power to keep your good from you. God is stronger than any adverse appearance. It is not necessary for you as a child of God to fight or contend with other persons, even though they may seem to be claiming what you feel is rightfully yours. All the power of the universe is working to bring your good to you.

Do not limit your good to one particular job, bit of property, or sum of money, or to any one channel of expression, but behold it as veritably coming to you from every direction. God's channels of supply are filled to overflowing, and they will flow for you as soon as you remove the clogging selfishness, hatred, fear of lack, or other negative thought that now so effectively bars them.

Look to God as your helper, your loving guide and counselor, and let Him reveal to you the good that exceeds even that which you now seek. Through Him you are abundantly blessed.

• *Behold, God is my helper.*—PSALMS 54:4.

Saturday

APRIL 13

I CONFORM MY THOUGHTS, WORDS, AND DEEDS TO THE CHRIST STANDARD OF PERFECTION.

PAUL ADMONISHED the Romans to be renewed by the transforming of their minds. As we strive to heed this admonition and to keep our thoughts Christlike, we build a firm foundation for a strong character. Our thoughts are vibrant, vital things that act upon our character either positively or negatively. It is expedient therefore that we watch carefully the trend and character of our everyday thoughts and words if we would eliminate from our world many unwanted conditions. We should take part only in constructive conversation and read only uplifting stories, news items, and articles.

As we thus keep our mind in tune with the Infinite there will be room only for pure, positive thoughts, and our words and deeds will be of like character. Life will take on a new meaning, we shall be richly blessed.

*Let the words of my mouth and the
meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in thy sight.*

—PSALMS 19:14.

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THROUGH PRAYER I SURRENDER MY WILL TO
THE GOOD WILL OF THE FATHER.

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PRAYER IS not for the purpose of changing the will of God for His children. Rather prayer changes the mind of man, bringing him into the light of Truth, which causes him to become receptive to the will of God.

God's will cannot be disorder, disease, and lack. His will for all His children is health, peace, joy, order, justice, happiness, prosperity.

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When we become conscious of God's will for us and are willing to obey His command, our mind, body, and affairs express nought but good. Seeming adversities disappear when we are willing to let God become the controlling influence in our life. When we express the divine will through every thought, word, and act, we cause unlimited blessings to appear and our life is made happy.

When we pray as did Jesus Christ "Not as I will, but as thou wilt" we tune in to the will of God; thus we are lifted up above all bondage to personal desire and personal will, for we know that God's will for us is good.

✿ *Thy will be done.*—MATT. 26:42.

Monday

APRIL 15

AS A SON OF GOD I AM FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF HIS PRESENCE, AND I AM STRONG, SELF-RELIANT, VICTORIOUS.

ARE THERE times when you feel that you are not measuring up to the high standard of that to which you aspire; when you seem to fall short of the realization of your oneness with the high ideal of your inspirations?

If so, it is time for you to be still, to let go of all fear, doubt, and uncertainty, and in a spirit of love, faith, and trust to enter the secret place of the Most High within your own soul and listen to the voice of the Spirit of truth abiding there, which is ever seeking to assure you of this fact: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God." As you lay hold upon these words and make the truth they convey a reality of your own being, you will be blessed and lifted to that plane of higher understanding where you will know the greatest truth to which you can attain, "I and the Father are one," and know it as the absolute truth of your own being.

* *Beloved, now are we the sons of God.*—I JOHN 3:2 (A. V.).

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APRIL 16

Tuesday

GOD HAS GIVEN ME UNWAVERING FAITH,
AND I INCREASE ITS POWER THROUGH DAILY
USE.

FAITH HAS been considered by some as being synonymous with trust and belief. However trust and belief are but part of the elements of faith. Besides these qualities, faith has positive elements such as courage, vision, perseverance, and endurance.

Faith is the pioneer quality of the mind. Not only does it envision greater good and higher achievements, but it works persistently to accomplish its objective. It is through faith that we clothe our desires with substance and transform them into realities. Faith is a quality which is inherent in us as children of God; for faith is an attribute of God. The appreciation of our spiritual nature enables us to understand and use the power of faith for the fulfillment of our good. We develop and strengthen faith as we summon it to our aid in every need. Every occasion that tempts us to yield to doubt and discouragement is also an opportunity to grow in faith.

✿ *Faith is assurance of things hoped for.*—HEB. 11:1.

Wednesday

APRIL 17

I AM ONE WITH GOD'S JUSTICE, THEREFORE
I AM JUST IN ALL SITUATIONS.

THE SOURCE of all justice is in God. He is the divine judge who sees that you receive that which is rightfully yours. There is no need to fear any loss. You cannot escape your own good.

You in turn should seek God's guidance in all your dealings so that you too may express the justice of God. No matter what the outcome should be according to your personal belief, it is your part to seek the divine way and work out that which is not only for your own good but for the good of all those with whom you are dealing.

Now is the time more than ever to express the justice that is within you. Many judgments arising out of chaotic conditions do not seem to be just to mortal mind. Do not look to appearances, for they are often misleading. It is the divine idea of justice within you that establishes justice in your life. God blesses you now with absolute justice.

✿ *He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.*—DEUT. 32:4 (A. V.).

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APRIL 18

Thursday

MY HEART IS FILLED WITH UNDERSTANDING
AND I LIVE AT PEACE WITH MYSELF AND
WITH OTHERS.

THE DESIRE for peace, harmony, and understanding of one another has been instilled deeply and securely within the heart of God's children. Inharmonious situations or problems that may confront us in our work, in our home life, or in any of the contacts that we have with others are but opportunities for us to look beyond appearances, to increase our understanding of oneness with our fellow men, and to love and appreciate the goodness of God within ourselves and them.

While we as individuals may not understand why our actions are not always in accord with the actions of those near us, or why their actions do not meet our approval, yet we know that in God's world of love and peace inharmony has no place and that divine understanding will reveal the way of happy living. United in understanding, we live in peace and fellowship one with another.

* *Then opened he their understanding.*—LUKE 24:45
(A. V.).

Friday

APRIL 19

CHRIST IN ME IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

THIS MONTH'S class illumination thought aims to remind us that every soul coming into the world brings its own light and a power to radiate that light which is divinely natural to it. We may remain temporarily unaware of the Christ light that we have and for a time depend upon our intellect and personal knowledge to guide us, but eventually we must come to rely wholly upon our indwelling Christ light to inspire us in matters spiritual and to direct us in matters temporal.

The light of Christ in you is the true light of your world. You need not wait until all outer sources of inspiration have failed you, but you can turn momentarily to the light of Christ in your soul, for it always affords you divine illumination. It is your one dependable, unchangeable, ever-present source of guidance and inspiration. The persons, things, and events that form your life all feel and respond to your divine emanation. The light that radiates from the Christ in you blesses, illumines, and transforms the whole world.

✿ *Ye are the light of the world.*—MATT. 5:14.

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APRIL 20 TO

MAY 19

Daily at 11 a. m. join us in this thought for spiritual

*ILLUMINATION . . . Christ in me is
the light of the world.*



At high noon each day concentrate your attention on this
thought for

*PROSPERITY . . . I rejoice as I realize
Thine all-providing plan now fulfilled
in me.*



At 9 p. m. each night let us acknowledge the power of
Spirit for

*HEALING . . . The joy of Jesus Christ
sets me free, and I am healed.*



Saturday

APRIL 20

I REJOICE AS I REALIZE THINE ALL-PROVIDING
PLAN NOW FULFILLED IN ME.

THROUGH REALIZING Thine omniscience, omnipotence, and omnipresence, I discover Thy good plan for my life and find it being fulfilled harmoniously and completely.

I know that my supply is not confined to my securing or holding a certain position, nor does it have to come to me through some particular channel that I can see at the present. I am fully aware that Thou hast infinite ways and means of prospering me. I do not limit the fulfillment of Thy plan to some method or goal that comes within my immediate understanding.

I know that one of the best ways to realize the consummation of Thy plan for my life is to rejoice and give thanks for each day's blessings, to do well whatever the tasks may be that are mine to do, and to abide continuously in the assurance that Thy plan is harmonious, all-providing, and fully satisfying.

*I will sing unto Jehovah,
Because he hath dealt bountifully with me.*

—PSALMS 13:6.

APRIL 21

Sunday

THE JOY OF JESUS CHRIST SETS ME FREE, AND
I AM HEALED.

ONE OF THE qualities that characterized the healings that Jesus performed was His spirit of spontaneous joy. He knew and used the healing power contained in an attitude, a word, a prayer attended by joy.

The harmonizing, renewing, strengthening force of joy is just as necessary to permanent healings today as it was when Jesus used it so effectively.

If you are seeking freedom from some inharmony, let the pure joy of Jesus Christ fill your mind and heart. Bless your body with the word "Joy! joy! joy!" and feel it flow through every nerve, cell, and muscle, even to your very fingertips. You cannot repeat this word of joy and send it into the depths of your being without witnessing its uplifting, redeeming, transforming work in your body. Try it, dear friend; use the healing thought with us for the next thirty days, and not only will you see the magic effect of joy in your own being but you will also radiate the vigor, vitality, and perfection to others.

• *Thy words were unto me a joy.*—JER. 15:16.

Monday

APRIL 22

GOD RENEWS IN ME A RIGHT SPIRIT.

TO SUCCEED in every endeavor, to promote true friendship, to insure greatest happiness in life, a most necessary requirement is a right spirit. What one accomplishes is largely determined by his approach to it. When the heart is joyful and filled with gladness, everything in life seems to add cause for joy. Success depends much more on the spirit of courage, assurance, and positiveness that one expresses than it does on the outer steps that might seem so essential. Friendship is promoted when the heart is right; misunderstandings are avoided and true companionship is enhanced.

Whatever a person attempts to do willingly and with a gracious spirit nurtures the fruit of happiness. The spirit of forgiveness enables one to release every resentment. The spirit of trust that one displays insures victory over every anxious thought. When a person acquires the ability to express the right spirit in all his thoughts and actions, he will be expressing the Christ Spirit. God will renew a right spirit within you.

✿ *Renew a right spirit within me.*—PSALMS 51:10.

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APRIL 23

Tuesday

MY INNER SENSE OF HEARING IS QUICKENED,
AND I AM OBEDIENT TO THE VOICE OF SPIRIT
WITHIN ME.

I CEASE to be disobedient to the bidding of Christ in the midst of me. I do not try to "turn a deaf ear" to the voice of Spirit. I do not put a barrier between myself and Spirit. I am one with it, one with its voice and bidding.

I am willing to sacrifice selfishness, stubbornness, and resistance in order to listen to Spirit's voice. I am ready to give up all personal consciousness that I may be one with the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of wisdom and light. Henceforth I obey only one voice, the voice of Spirit, of Truth. I hear Spirit when it speaks to me. I am receptive and obedient to spiritual guidance.

My inner sense of hearing now causes my physical hearing to be quickened and strengthened. I hear every word of Truth, I hear every loving voice. I hear the Master say, "Blessed are . . . your ears, for they hear," and I know that I am blessed with perfect hearing.

* *The Lord Jehovah hath opened mine ear; and I was not rebellious.*—ISA. 50:5.

Wednesday

APRIL 24

KNOWING THAT GOD'S PROMISES ARE TRUE,
I AM SERENE AND CONFIDENT.

TO GAIN serenity of mind and heart, to become calm and poised in spirit, be confident that God makes everything in life work out divinely. The burden of life does not rest upon you; free yourself of its weight by leaning upon His promises of perfection in all that you undertake. Good is planned for you, and when you unhesitatingly believe this you find your life being adjusted in perfect harmony.

What a joy it is to know that God is able instantly to dissolve every barrier and provide a smooth path to your high goal! How wonderful to remember that your heritage now awaits you, safe in His care! Then put aside every agitated thought and find refreshing composure in trustfulness.

Relax from all strain and tension and be at peace. God is bringing your own to you. Prepare to receive it by letting go and letting God do His perfect work unhindered by fear or anxiety.

✻ *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace . . . because he trusteth in thee.*—ISA. 26:3.

Thursday

IN JUDGING MAN I SEE HIM IN HIS DIVINE
PERFECTION.

DIVINE JUDGMENT is expressed through the consciousness of man. When man's consciousness is purified, judgment issues forth just as it exists in God. When God judges a person through us, we see him as he is seen of God. We see him freed from narrow prejudices and misjudgments; we see him free and perfect. We judge him according to the standard of perfect man in God and according to God's vision of him.

Instead of passing judgment upon him as you have done in the past, bring him under divine judgment. Instead of giving him a worse idea of himself than he has had, give him a higher idea of himself. Change the focus of his mental outlook and cause him to see himself as divinely perfect.

Perfect spiritual judgment has no limitations. When it becomes active, all limitations disappear. When spiritual judgment is exercised, mortal and personal judgment cannot exist. When you use spiritual judgment you see all men aright.

✽ *For neither doth the Father judge any man, but he hath given all judgment unto the Son.—JOHN 5:22.*

Friday

APRIL 26

GOD'S PRINCIPLES AND LAWS ARE SCIENTIFIC
AND EXACT, AND ALL MY AFFAIRS ARE GOV-
ERNED BY THEM.

THE SCIENCE of Truth supplies us with definite and reliable laws upon which to base our thought and action. All spiritual laws are founded upon Principle, upon which absolute Truth rests. Principle alone must govern our thought.

The metaphysical student has a definite law of prayer and of health. He is never without the workable principle. His prayer and his treatment are scientific. Truth gives him a science upon which to base all that he thinks and does. Jesus, the great teacher and master, relied upon spiritual truth in all that He undertook to do. Jesus knew that He could not fail, because He worked with principles and laws that were unfailing. He maintained His identity with the great principle of Truth and kept His consciousness high and spiritual. When you recognize that only spiritual principles can govern your affairs, no adverse thought can touch them.

• *The law of Jehovah is perfect, restoring the soul.*
—PSALMS 19:7.

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APRIL 27

Saturday

BEHOLDING THE RENEWING POWER OF JESUS CHRIST NOW AT WORK IN MY MIND AND MY BODY, I AM RENEWED IN EVERY PART.

THE ONE who holds himself to old, crystallized ideas finds that his mind and his body take on the same character. If a person feels that he is bound to certain conditions of time and age, he shuts out new ideas and their regenerating work.

He must catch the vision of the new life before he can lead it; he must first in consciousness perceive himself emerging from the old life and laying hold of the new. He must see himself powerful to change his world by changing his ideas.

Beholding the renewing work of Jesus Christ in our mind, we see every crystallized idea broken up and replaced by a vital one. We see beliefs in sin, disease, and lack replaced by beliefs in good, health, and plenty. Beholding the renewing work of Jesus Christ in our body, we see old tissues replaced by new ones, old cells renewed; we see ourselves literally transformed. The renewing work of Jesus Christ renews the whole body temple.

✱ *Behold, I make all things new.*—REV. 21:5.

Sunday

APRIL 28

I JOYOUSLY WORSHIP GOD BY ACKNOWLEDGING HIM AS THE ONLY POWER.

THE HIGHEST worship we can give to God is to acknowledge that He is supreme in power over all. It is not sufficient that we merely admit with the lips that He is the only power; we should make a deep inner agreement in our heart that He is in command of every detail of our life. If for an instant we set up in our mind the notion that some material influence or person can keep our good away from us, we are by such a false admission denying God and having other gods.

When God's power is continually acknowledged, we realize that God, as good, is mightier than disease, sin, inharmony, or lack. We then remember that He can do all things, and that there are no if's or maybe's as regards His help. We refuse to accept anything in our life that is not good, for God has promised complete salvation from everything that might hinder our highest happiness.

To comprehend that God is all in all keeps our vision upon Him as the only power in our life.

♣ *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*—EXOD. 20:3.

Monday

I AM SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE GOD WORKS THROUGH ME TO ACCOMPLISH HIS GOOD.

YOU CAN be successful wherever you are serving if you will but take time to realize that God is working in and through you to help you accomplish successfully all that you undertake. No matter how important or how commonplace the thing you are doing may seem, it is God's work. Therefore do it joyously and faithfully, giving good service.

If you are one who is timid and lacking in self-confidence, if you feel that your work is a task too great for you, remember that God's love guided you to the place where you are serving. As you apply yourself diligently and lovingly, letting God work through you, satisfaction and success will be yours. If you are an ambitious person with a disposition to push ahead no matter how you do it, you must realize that true and lasting success comes only through working with God. You must give of yourself willingly, putting your whole heart into your work, and your reward will be success.

✿ *The works that I do in my Father's name, these bear witness of me.*—JOHN 10:25.

Tuesday

APRIL 30

MY SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT IS QUICKENED
AND MY EYES REFLECT THE STRENGTH AND
CLARITY OF SPIRIT.

OF THE LORD's eyes it is said that they are too pure to behold iniquity. Have your eyes been weakened by beholding iniquity either in yourself or in others? When you arise in the morning and bathe your eyes, picture to yourself the "water of life" as really cleansing and refreshing them, and as you wash them say, "My eyes are opened, my eyes are strengthened, my eyes discern the Truth." Then as you go about your daily routine see all things in their true light, the light of Spirit. Not only will your world look brighter and more beautiful, but you too will be more beautiful and attractive, for you will be radiating the light of Spirit.

This spiritual discernment grows with practice, and soon you will see evidence of your improved vision. You will be delighted with the many wonderful blessings that you heretofore overlooked: blessings that are first mentally perceived, then brought into material manifestation.

✿ *I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven.*
—REV. 4:1 (A. V.).

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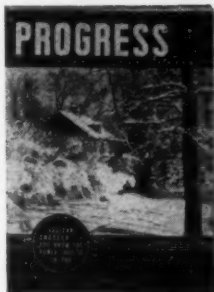
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